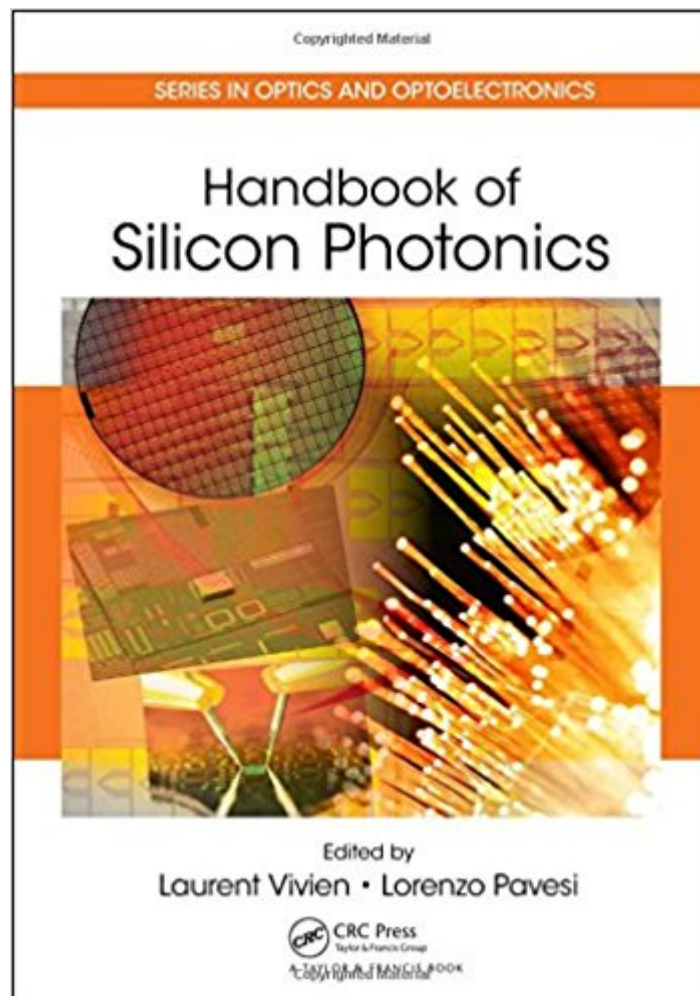




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The development of integrated silicon photonic circuits has recently been driven by the Internet and the push for high bandwidth as well as the need to reduce power dissipation induced by high data-rate signal transmission. To reach these goals, efficient passive and active silicon photonic devices, including waveguide, modulators, photodetectors, multiplexers, light sources, and various subsystems, have been developed that take advantage of state-of-the-art silicon technology. Suitable for both specialists and newcomers, Handbook of Silicon Photonics presents a coherent and comprehensive overview of this field from the fundamentals to integrated systems and applications. It covers a broad spectrum of materials and applications, emphasizing passive and active photonic devices, fabrication, integration, and the convergence with CMOS technology. The book's self-contained chapters are written by international experts from academia and various photonics-related industries. The handbook starts with the basics of silicon as an optical material. It then describes the building blocks needed to drive integrated silicon photonic circuits and explains how these building blocks are incorporated in complex photonic/electronic circuits. The book also presents applications of silicon photonics in numerous fields, including biophotonics and photovoltaics. With many illustrations, including some in color, this handbook provides an up-to-date reference to the broad and rapidly changing area of silicon photonics. It shows how basic science and innovative technological applications are pushing the field forward.

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Both editors of this work are top researchers recognized worldwide in the field of Silicon Photonics. The reviewer giving this book 1 star has a vendetta against one of them, and should not be allowed to post such a slanderous comment. In any case, it should be obvious from the comments that this person has probably never even opened the book. Laurent Vivien received his Ph.D. degree in physics from the Polytechnique School, Palaiseau Cedex, France, in 2001. His Ph.D. Thesis was on nonlinear optical properties of carbon nanotubes for optical limiting. Between 2001 and 2003, he held a postdoctoral position with the Institute of Fundamental Electronics (IEF), Orsay, France, where studied single-mode and polarization-insensitive structures in silicon-on-insulators and the coupling from sub-micrometric waveguides to single mode fiber for optical telecommunication applications. Since 2003 he has joined the CNRS at the Institute of Fundamental Electronics where his activities are related to passive (waveguide, splitters, 90° turns, optical couplers) and active (Si-based optical modulators and Ge on Si photodetectors) micro and nanophotonic devices on silicon for optical interconnects and optical fiber communications. Since 2006, he has been in charge of the group of Micro and Nanophotonic devices on silicon. Lorenzo Pavesi is Professor of Experimental Physics at the University of Trento (Italy). Born the 21st of November 1961, he received his PhD in Physics in 1990 at the Ecole Polytechnique Federale of Lausanne (Switzerland). He leads the Nanoscience Laboratory (25 people). His research activity concerned the optical properties of semiconductors. During the last years, he concentrated on Silicon based

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